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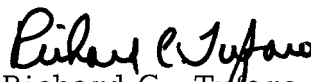
Mr. Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Houston:

The Interagency Classification Review Committee has received an appeal from Mr. Lewis Gulick for mandatory review of the CIA's denial of his request for the declassification of documents related to the overthrow of Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz in 1954.

In order to review this appeal, it is necessary that the CIA submit to the Committee within 10 days of receipt of this memorandum a statement of the specific reasons for its refusal to grant the request. Please prepare ten (10) copies of this statement as well as ten (10) copies of the documents in question and all correspondence to and from Mr. Gulick. Send one (1) copy of each to the members of the Interagency Committee and the remainder to my office for distribution to Ambassador Eisenhower and David Young, and for use by the Interagency Committee staff.

Sincerely yours,



Richard C. Tufaro  
Staff Assistant to the Chairman,  
Interagency Classification  
Review Committee

cc: Angus Theurmer